

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

RANDY DEAN NICHOLS JR.,	:	Case No. 2:24-cv-00104
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Plaintiff,	:	District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.
	:	Magistrate Judge Caroline H. Gentry
vs.	:	
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JOHN MICHAEL WARNECKE, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	
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Defendants.	:	

OPINION AND ORDER

This case is exempt from the requirements of Rules 26(a)(1) and 26(f)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(iv); S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 16.2. Pursuant to Rule 16(b), the Court orders that this matter shall proceed as follows:

DISCOVERY shall be completed no later than **May 4, 2026**. Depositions of any persons who are incarcerated may proceed on such terms and conditions as the institution shall impose.

DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS shall be filed no later than **June 4, 2026**.

The Court will schedule a final pretrial conference and trial by separate order following resolution of any dispositive motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Caroline H. Gentry
Caroline H. Gentry
United States Magistrate Judge